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1. WE DISCUSSED POINTS REFTEL WITH CHAIRMAN IMCO
MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (CAPT. SAVELIEV) APRIL 29.
SECGEN SRIVASTAVA OUT OF LONDON UNTIL MAY 6.

2. SAVELIEV SAID HE AGREES THAT ADMIRAL EDWARDS
WOULD BE BEST CHOICE FOR SOLAS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT.
HE BELIEVES LDC CANDIDATE WOULD NOT HAVE DESIRABLE
EXPERTISE FOR POSITION AND TOLD US HE RELATIVELY
CERTAIN THAT NEITHER USSR NOR UK, ONLY OTHER
SATISFACTORY POSSIBILITIES, WOULD PUT UP CANDIDATES FOR
CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY. SWEDEN'S ERIKSSON COULD MAKE
GOOD PRESIDENT, SAVELIEV SAID, AND, AS NOTED REFTEL,
HE SAID HE HAD BEEN SUGGESTING HIM TO VARIOUS DELS. HO
EVER, SINCE ADM. EDWARDS WILLING TO TAKE JOB, SAVELIEV
SAID HE WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO TRY TO DEVELOP
SUPPORT FOR HIM. IN THIS REGARD, HE CONSIDERS
CANDIDACY OF EDWARDS WILL HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING
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WIDESPREAD SUPPORT.

3. IN DISCUSSING SAVELIEV'S IDEAS ON CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, HE SAID HE ENVISAGES FIVE VICE PRESIDENTS AND, PROBABLY, FOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. VICE PRESIDENTS, HE THINKS, COULD BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT (A) DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES; (B) SOCIALIST STATES; (C) LATIN AMERICAN STATES; (D) AFRICAN STATES; AND (E) ARAB STATES. USSR OR POLAND MIGHT BE SOCIALIST REP AND ERIKSSON COULD BE ONE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN; HE SUGGESTED LONGE OF NIGERIA WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE GOOD POSSIBILITY FOR ONE OF VICE PRESIDENTS OR CHAIRMEN POSITIONS. OBVIOUSLY, MORE DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE CANDIDATES WILL HAVE TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL IT CLEAR WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE, BUT SAVELIEV BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES AT TIME OF IMCO COUNCIL MEETING.

4. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS REFTTEL WITH UK AND REPORT FURTHER.

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